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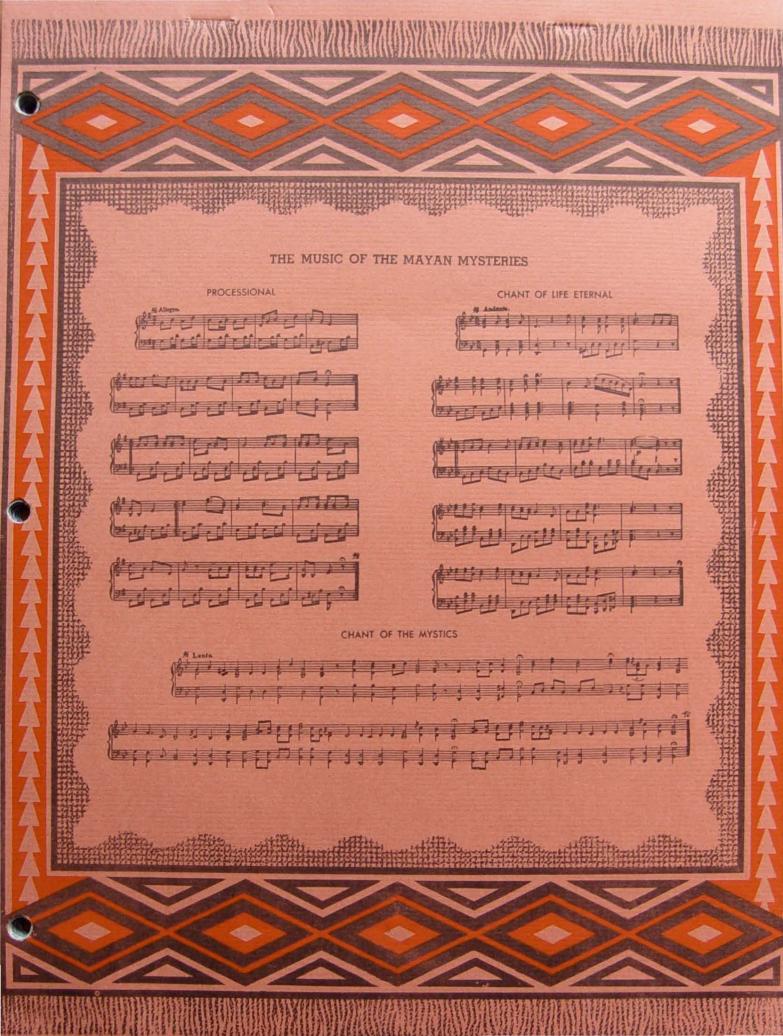
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The Exordium of The Initiatory

of the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees of The Mayan Order

REVELATION LXXII

Beloved Companion:

Greetings Beloved Friend, on the Seven Points of Mayanry to the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees. Greetings on the three points of the Triangle and the four points of the Square, - in \bigwedge and in \bigodot which symbols build to the Sacred Seven.

Seven Spirits, we come now to bestow new Honors upon you and to celebrate your Initiation. We are the Spirits of the Passwords, of which you have received Five, and Two to be given unto you.

Seven Spirits and myself come to you, now to conduct you through these degrees of Mayan Mysteries. Eight in all, being the symbol X, representing Time . . . The Time is now and we are come to you as promised. In my last communication I sent you my symbolic signature. In these rites I would have you think of me as your protecting Guiding Spirit. A spirit that is Companion to your Soul.

I have been waiting for you here on the Higher Path, for some time. Many moons have passed since you started up this path, but I have waited. Many suns have risen in the east, passed overhead and sank in the west. I have observed the stars while I waited by night, and have seen them move through their houses. I have seen the seasons change and change again, while I waited.



















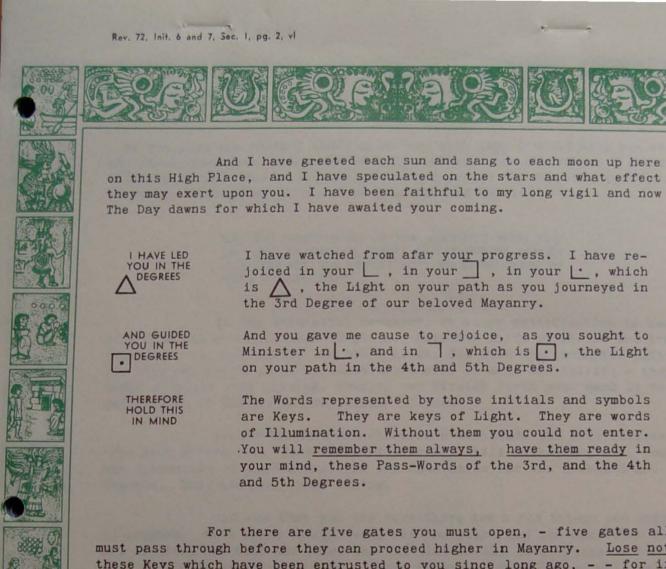












For there are five gates you must open, - five gates all must pass through before they can proceed higher in Mayanry. Lose not these Keys which have been entrusted to you since long ago, - - for if they are lost, all is lost, all would be in vain. But happy is my Companion who follows the Light of the Pass Words; happy is he and blessed among the race of man. Joyous, is the one who remembers these Words of Power and who keeps these Words of Light ever in his consciousness each day and each night of his life.

That Companion of Light will never be in darkness, - will never be lonely or forsaken, - will never be in despair, as long as he fails not to hold these keys, which are the words you have received in the 3rd, 4th and 5th Degrees. (Recall them to mind, before proceeding.)

Because you hold them, because you have endeavored to use them well, because you are adjudged most worthy you are to be given two more Words of Power.

I have been waiting for you, here on the Higher Path. It is my privilege to prepare you for the solemn ceremonies of the Sacred Degrees Six and Seven. It is my joy to accompany you through the Five Gates for which You have the Keys. It is my exhaltation to escort you Around The Turn and to direct you right.

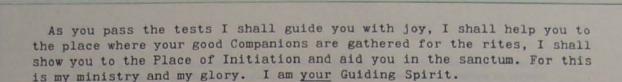












MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT OF THE ALMIGHTY BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE, POWER AND HAPPINESS AND IN THIS GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING GOOD TO MANY OTHERS. AMEN.

In the Initiation Ceremony, it is my gratification to bestow upon you certain enchanted gifts. They are gifts which, if you are prepared well, are eternal and above price. But they are enchanted gifts for they can not be given to those unprepared in mind and spirit; - they would dissolve into nothing, even as you stretch forth your hand to receive them, if you are not yet worthy of them.

Around The Turn are gathered a multitude who have followed this path before you. Some are Initiates for still higher degrees, some are Companions of your Class, who are Candidates for the Sacred 6 and 7 Degrees. They too await your coming.

And now that you are here there are a few things you ought to prepare. Have these things ready for the night and the hour when you are to Break The Seal and enter in. The time of the Celebration of these High Rites is announced herein. Many Mayans of High Degree will celebrate with you. We give you the written words of the ceremony, ENTRUST-ING you NOT to read beyond the SEAL until the Time that has been set.

There is a reason for this, and you would lose much if you were to ignore our trust and read them before time. The pages beyond the SEAL should remain virgin, unread until The Time. Then, and only then, can we truly meet together in the realm of the Cosmic, -- in the Mental World, where Distance and Space are as nothing. Heed my words, for you are trusted to do so, and I am your Guiding Spirit.

HAVE THESE THINGS READY

In preparation for the Ceremony obtain now and have ready these articles: Seven Candles, seven receptacles to hold the candles (seven small saucers will do, or a hoard; anything to hold seven candles set in a row) Two small howls, one containing water, the other containing 7 small cubes of bread. *One small saucer. Matches. A watch or clock nearby.

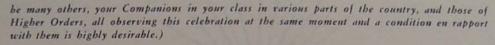
Prepare a room, your bedroom or your study, a place where you can go and be undisturbed. Air it well on the day of your Initiation, then have it closed off and private. Make sure of the provision that you will be undisturbed while receiving the Initiation, as much depends on your thoughts being wholly upon the ceremony while it is taking place. (Remember, there will





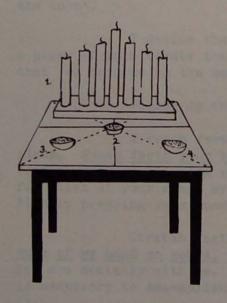






Within your room, your sanctum, have a table, or a table-like area, to be used as your Altar, It should be large enough to hold the 7 candles and candle-holders, and the two bowls. one filled with clean water, the other with bread. It should, preferably, be square in shape, as your Altar represents your Symbol of Being. If a square table-like surface is not available, an oblong surface can be used. If this is necessary you can cut a large piece of paper,—two feet square or larger,—and on it mark the Symbol of Being, . This last is a good idea, even if you have a square-topped table available, as it will belp you keep in mind that your Altar top represents your Symbol of Being.

Because it is important that you have these things ready before time, let me list them again.



- 1. Arrangement of the 7 Candles (slightly graduated in size.)
- 2. Extra candle holder for use in center of Altar.
- 3. Bowl containing 7 small cubes of bread.
- 4. Bowl partially filled with water. Nearby: Matches, a watch or clock.

Seven Candles

Receptacles for 7 Candles

Two Bowls, one containing clean water, one containing seven small cubes of bread.

Matches

A Clock or Watch nearby, but NOT on the Altar.

- *1 small saucer, to hold the central candle when it is placed for a few moments in the center of the symbol of Being, during the Ceremony.
- *(If individual candle holders are provided, the small saucer will not be needed.)



















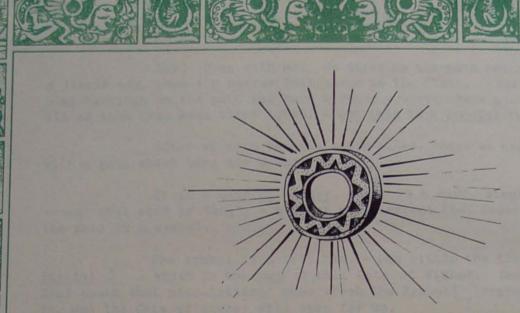












And now, it is Time for your final Preparations. This is the beginning of your Initiation into the new Degrees and the completion of the old. It is the Passover, it is time for me to escort you "around the turn".

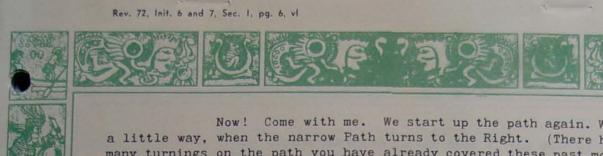
I desire that you make a mental journey with me. We go to a place of such beauty that the beauty dazes and stuns. First, I desire that you join me on the mountain path where I have awaited you.

Please do this now.

I reach forth my right hand, and give you the Mayan hand-clasp. Reach forth your hand. Do not be self-conscious. I desire you to feel my hand gripping yours. Take a moment. Try to sense, with the faculties of your mind, my hand, -- the hand of your Guiding Spirit, -- lightly pressing your hand.

Stretch forth your hand. When you feel the light cool pressure of my hand on yours, when you feel a peculiar feeling in your hand, you are mentally with me. You have bridged the gap. (Take whatever time is necessary to accomplish this sensing of my touch before you proceed.)

Again I ask you to <u>see</u> your surroundings. We are on a high, narrow, rocky mountain path. To one side is a deep, dark abyss. At the other side a sheer rocky wall rises steeply toward the sky. The wind howls here incessantly and tugs at our robes, as though to pull us into the abyss. The air is thin. No trees grow here, only a few thorns and sparse blades of grass. Here is where I, - your Guiding Spirit, - have awaited so long the arrival of your Soul. Now we are here, Spirit and Soul, on this high Mayan Path, ready to go forward to our Companions in celebration of the Initiation.



Now! Come with me. We start up the path again. We go but a little way, when the narrow Path turns to the Right. (There have been many turnings on the path you have already covered these past months and all of them have been right turns, - but this is a special turning.)

After we turn we take seven paces. There we are confronted with a gate which bars our progress.

It is a Gate of Wicker. On it is a word, simply one word; -- and that word is "Ask", - nothing more, except that above the word on the gate is a symbol.

The symbol is a triangle, - and within the triangle is the , which is the name of this Gate of Wicker. Can you friend Soul speak that nine-lettered name which the Symbol represents? Speak it, and the Gate of Wicker will open for us.

> Before going further, you the Candidate, must speak the First Password. Do so.

And as you do, the Gate of Wicker swings open wide, and we That was the Gate of the First Degree of Mayanry, and its pass through. Key, the first Password, was given to you long ago.

Here, beyond the first gate, the path is wider, the air is warmer and pleasanter, and here a few flowers grow. We are in a passageway between two very high mountains. The Abyss is gone. Our path lies straight ahead, but steeply rising.

Let us go upward.

As we do so we come to another gate.

It is a Gate of Ebony. Strong, sturdy, ancient, it looms up high across our path, - it is set in the mountain walls at both sides and rises up to an overhang, more like a vast door on the face of a cave than like a gate. And on this gate there is a single word. The word is "Seek", - and above it is a triangular symbol, and within the Triangle is the $\underline{\text{Initial}}$ of an eight-lettered name, $\overline{}$, and this is the $\underline{\text{name}}$ of the Gate of Ebony. For he who knows the name of the Gate of Ebony, it will swing open. O my Companion, my Soul, can you speak that name? Then do so.

Write it here

And as you do so, the great, massive Gate of Ebony swings wide and we go through.



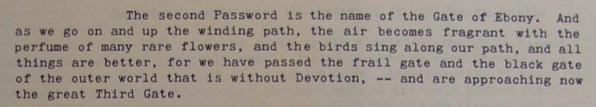












As we come to it, we see it is a <u>Gate of Alabaster</u>. Smooth and white, and delicately tinted like mother-of-pearl, - it is perfectly plain except for a single word written upon it, and the word is "Knock". And above the word is a triangular symbol, richly carved on its center. And within the triangle, is the symbol of a letter, which stands for the <u>name</u> of this Gate of purest Alabaster. And the <u>Initial</u> letter within the Triangle on the Gate of Alabaster, is <u>.</u>

Speak the name, O my Beloved Companion, that it will open and we may enter.

Here the Candidate should speak the 3rd Password of the 3rd Degree, - - the word of SEVEN letters that begins with the initial _ . As you do so, the Gate of Alabaster parts, and opens. You have passed 3 gates, and the Initials of the words on them are A.S.K.

Let us go onward. Beyond this gate is a lovely garden. It grows in great luxuriance. Occasionally, along the path are little rest houses beautifully wrought of stone, and in them we find awaiting us for our refreshment, baskets of rare fruits, and viands. There are places where a weary soul may bathe, and spiced rare oils to reinvigorate the traveler. The path is wider now and we seem to be going through a narrow chasm between the high walls.

And as we pass beyond, we come to still another gate.

It is the <u>Gate of Ivory</u>. Richly decorated, with designs carved on designs in such intricacy as cannot be described in words. And this gate too bears a symbol in its center. The symbol is a square, made of four right-angles. And in the center of the square is the <u>Initial</u> letter of the <u>name</u> of the gate. Again the Initial letter is <u>o</u>, but this time it is a word of four letters, for the four right angles. This name is the Key you first received in the Fourth and Fifth Degrees, and you know it well, for it is one of the Names of God.

Speak the four-lettered Password O Soul that we may enter.









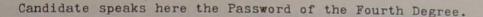












The Gate of Ivory parts in the middle, - (though it seemed one solid piece, so perfectly was it fitted) -- and we pass through, and find ourselves in a place of surpassing beauty. Like Paradise it seems, for until now we have known only the hard ways of the world before starting on this path. Here are lovely tropical birds so tame they alight on our shoulders as we walk along, - - as though they would bid us welcome. Beasts, lions, bear, deer, - even animals supposed to be extinct, - pass near and show no fear of us nor desire to harm us. For this is the place wherein all men would dwell, if they truly knew the great Password of 4 Letters that is written on the Gate of Ivory.

And, as we follow the winding path yet further, we come to still another gate. It is the <u>Gate of Aquamarine</u>. Sea-blue and sea-green, its precious, fused beryl gems speak of fabled Atlantis. It could come from no other place, for nowhere else have men learned how to fuse gems, melt countless small precious stones into one great mass, - - beyond the dreams of Aladdin. Glittering in the sun brightly, yet its sea-colored tones so soft, it leaves us spellbound with its beauty. But look you, my soul, for it too bears a legend. On it is the four-square symbol, and within the symbol is the <u>Initial</u> letter | . This is the five-lettered word, the Password of the Fifth Degree, the Key that was bestowed upon you, the word which, like the four-letter word, is also a Name of God.

Speak the five-lettered word that begins with the Initial, and this gate too will open.

Speak it, - and as you do so, the great Gate of Aquamarine, the Gate of Aquarius, solemnly opens, and we pass through.

Before us is a vast rich valley. It is surrounded on all sides by steep, high mountains, - - of a beauty that no man can put into words. You have heard of quiet beauty. Here is beauty that thunders at you, beauty that astounds, that leaves you breathless.

A great plain stretches out, and in the midst of the plain is a vast Pyramid. Within the Pyramid are the Initiation Chambers for these degrees. Here is the Mayan Sanctum. I am to guide you to its very heart, to the Holy of Holies.

The Pyramid is the great Light of the Mayans. Built into its measurements are Great Prophecies and High Wisdom for those to read who can. Its proportions are harmonies. Its shape and form is fire and light. Its material is stone and precious minerals. Its purpose is to hold wisdom. Its action is to direct the eye and mind to Thankfulness to



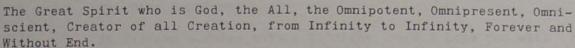












This noble edifice of the Mayans rises from the plain before us, up, up, up, - higher than man has ever built, -- except when he built with his mind of spiritual substance. Perhaps a mile in height above the plain this vast Pyramid rises, perhaps two or even three miles high. Who knows? For each of you who beholds it, will see it according to his own creation and proportions. It exists nowhere, yet it exists anywhere, - where you will. For it is the structure of your own consciousness, this grand Pyramid, - this Great Temple of Your Soul.

No race of mortal men could build such an edifice. No generations upon generations of men sweated, and labored their lifetimes through to erect it. For it is a Cosmic Pyramid, one created by thoughtforce alone. Built like Solomon's Temple in a single day, without sound of hammers or saws. Built of the most precious materials, for thought can create them as readily as grosser materials. Here we create in the realm of the mind, and each one creates according to his abilities. But let no Candidate mistake, it <u>is</u> very real, it EXISTS as I have described it to you.

But let us absorb for a while our near surroundings, just inside this Gate of Aquamarine. Here are many people, a throng, a multitude. Here are gathered the Beloved Companions of your class, those who, like you are worthy and prepared for Initiation into the Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees. Here they are gathered, come forward, mingle with them. I have brought you safely to the PLACE OF MEETING.

Rest a while, mingle with your Elect-fellows, your Companions, fellow Candidates for the higher degrees. Rest a bit, refresh yourself. Those $\underline{\text{in}}$ the Pyramid are beginning the celebration. Soon we shall go forward, all of us, together.













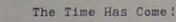












At fifteen minutes before Midnight, (and I hope you will be very careful to observe these directions exactly, for a great experience should be yours if you do so,) - at 15 minutes before midnight on the appointed night, have everything prepared and ready in your sanctum. Re-read the last couple of pages, to refresh yourself on what has gone before. Then, stretch forth your right hand again and feel the clasp of your Guiding Spirit. Join your Companions at the Place of Meeting.

A long line is forming, - - made up of the Candidates for these Degrees, and those who came down from the Great Pyramid to escort us to the Pyramid in the center of the enchanted plain.

The line is formed and starts off, - almost single file, - winding for a great distance across the plain, approaching the Pyramid of Initiation. As you move forward with them, singing is heard. The Mayans are singing the Processional.

You are one in that line moving toward the mystical Great Pyramid. Hear the music, sense the joy, yet the solemnity in the song of the Processional. It has no words that you can understand, but hum the tune, and go forward with us.

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We Celebrate Your Initiation Into The Sacred 6th and 7th Degrees.

The Signal Comes!

Your Initiation is to

Begin at Midnight, 12 o'clock.

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(At Midnight Of This Appointed Day and NOT BEFORE, Break the Seal.)

(During the Intervening Time, Prepare Yourself by Meditation Upon What You Would Do If You Were Born Again. Decide on 7 Purposes, 7 Things You Wish to Accomplish.)

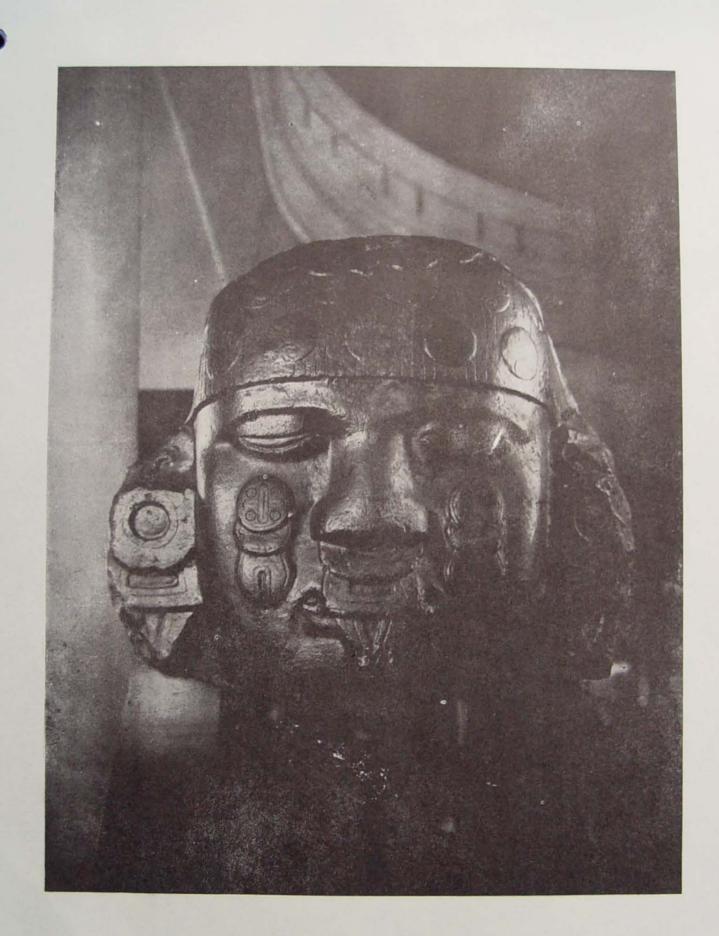


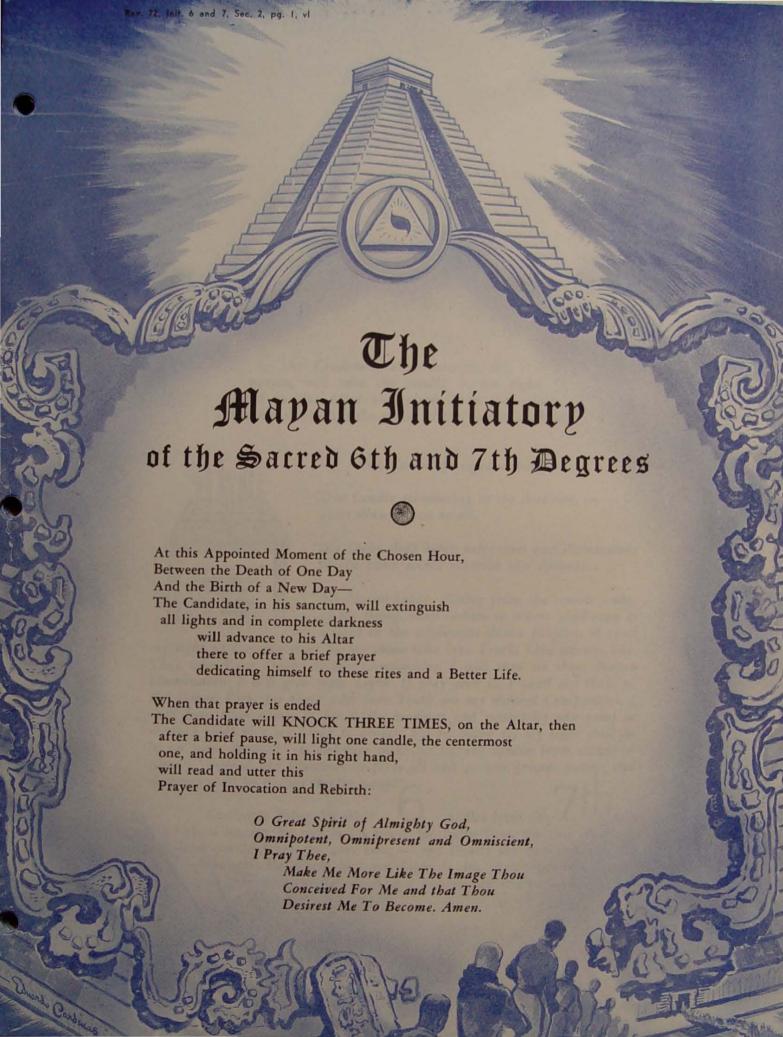




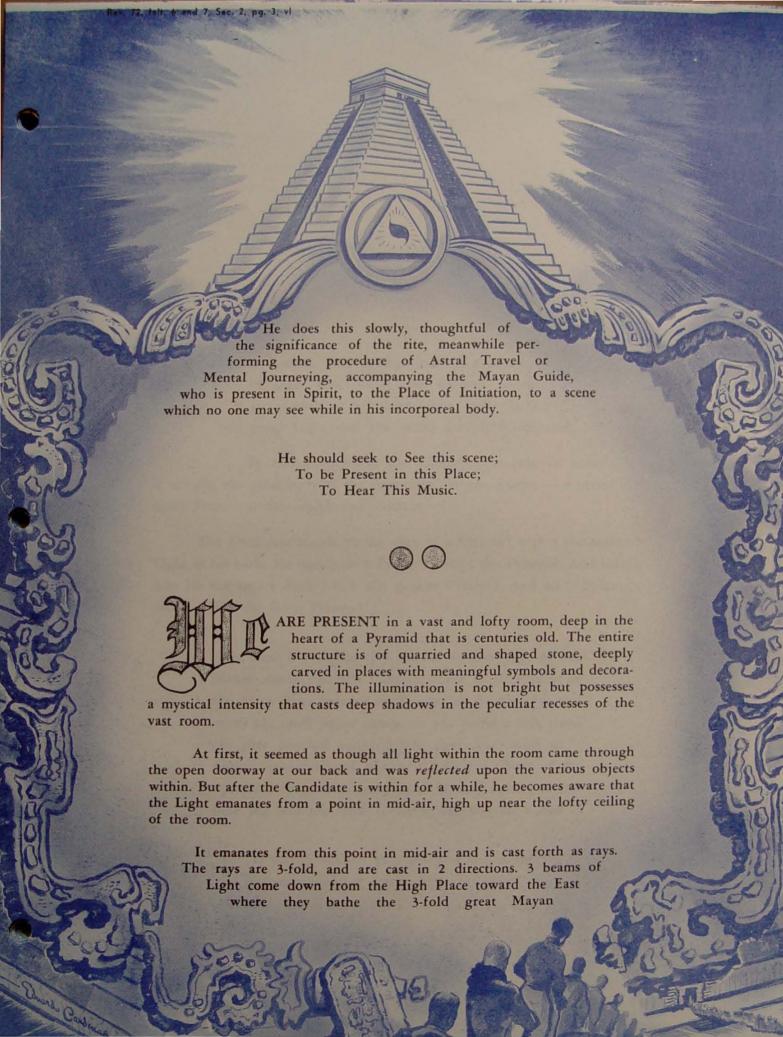


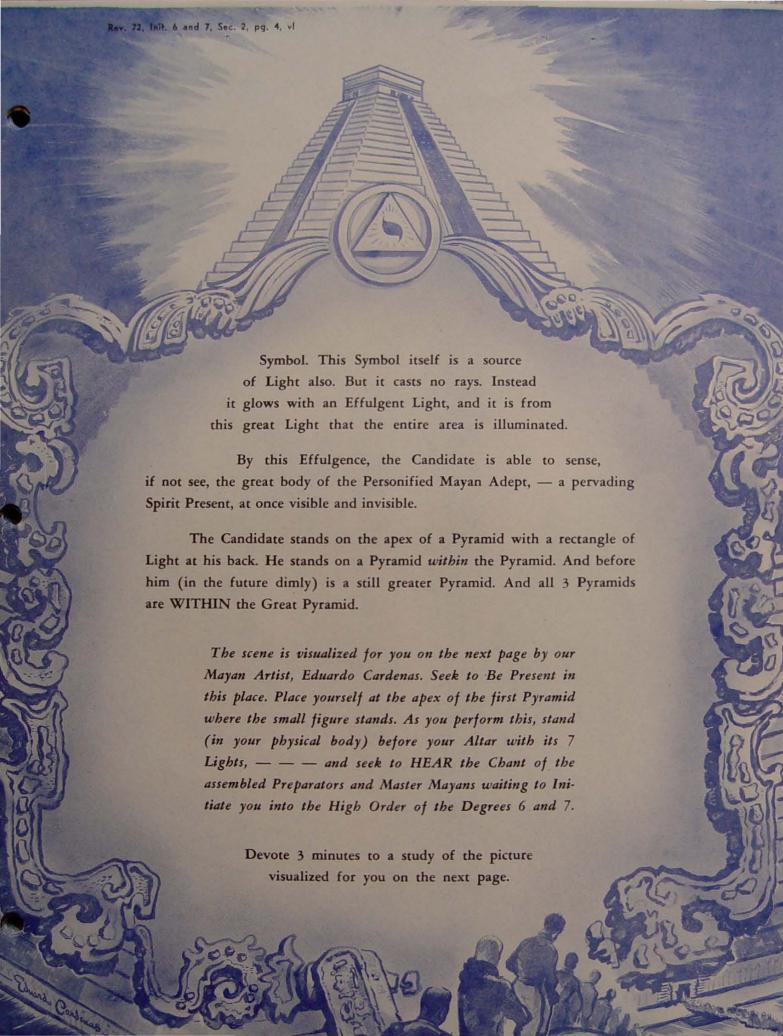




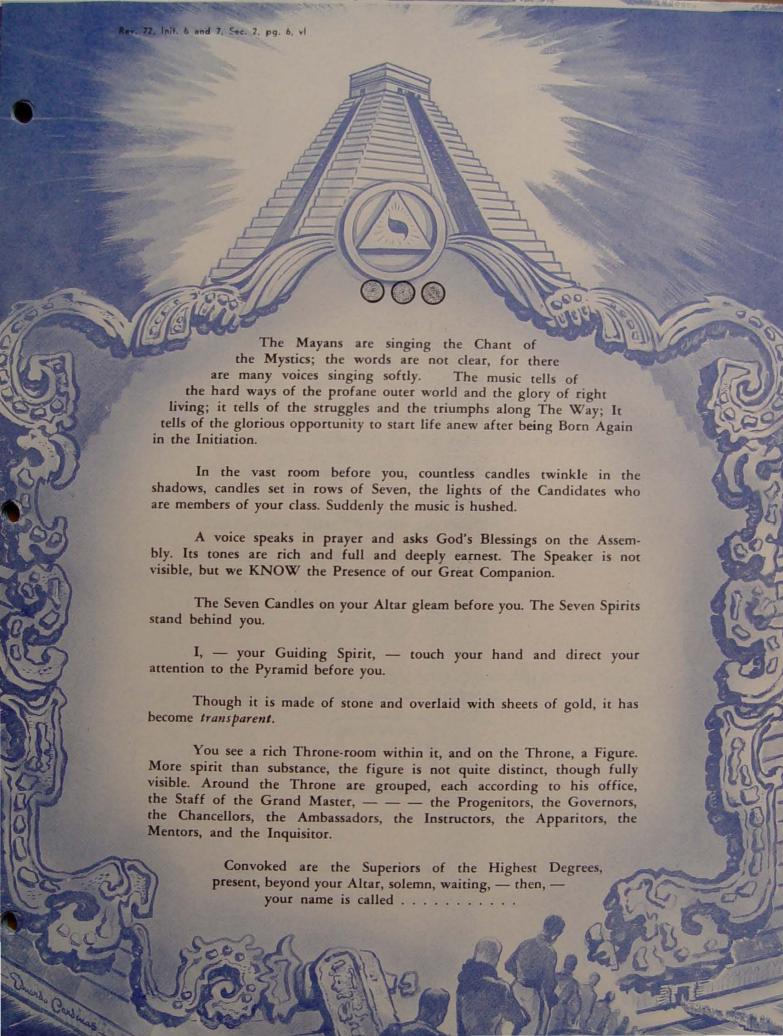


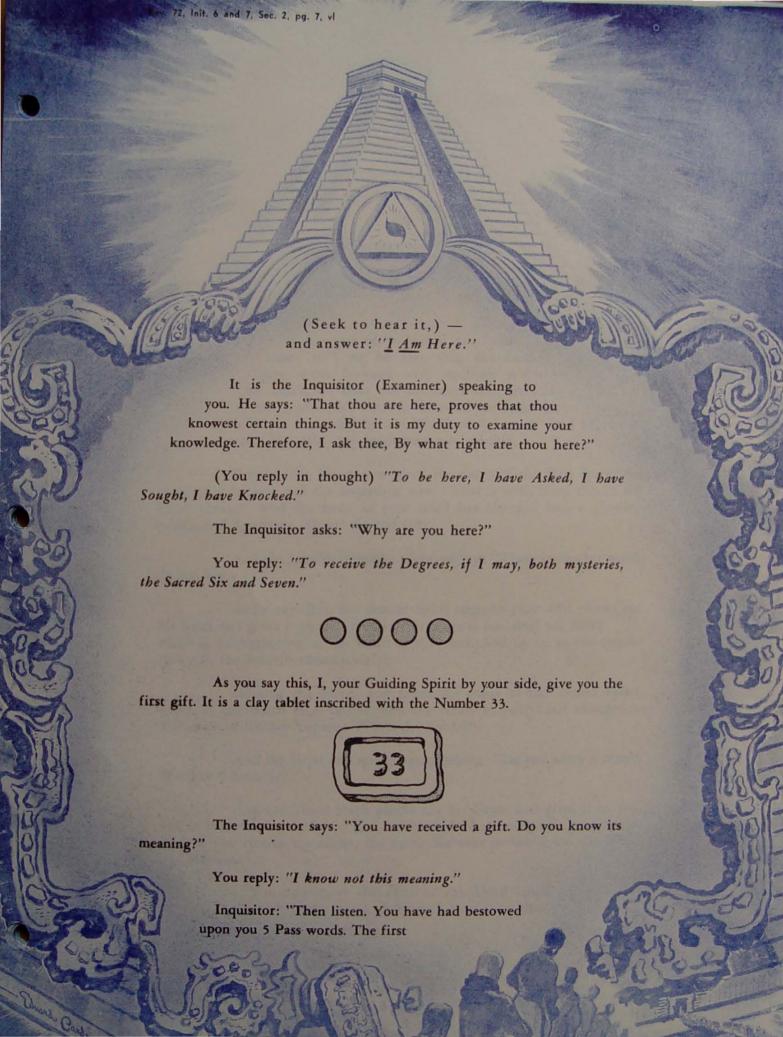


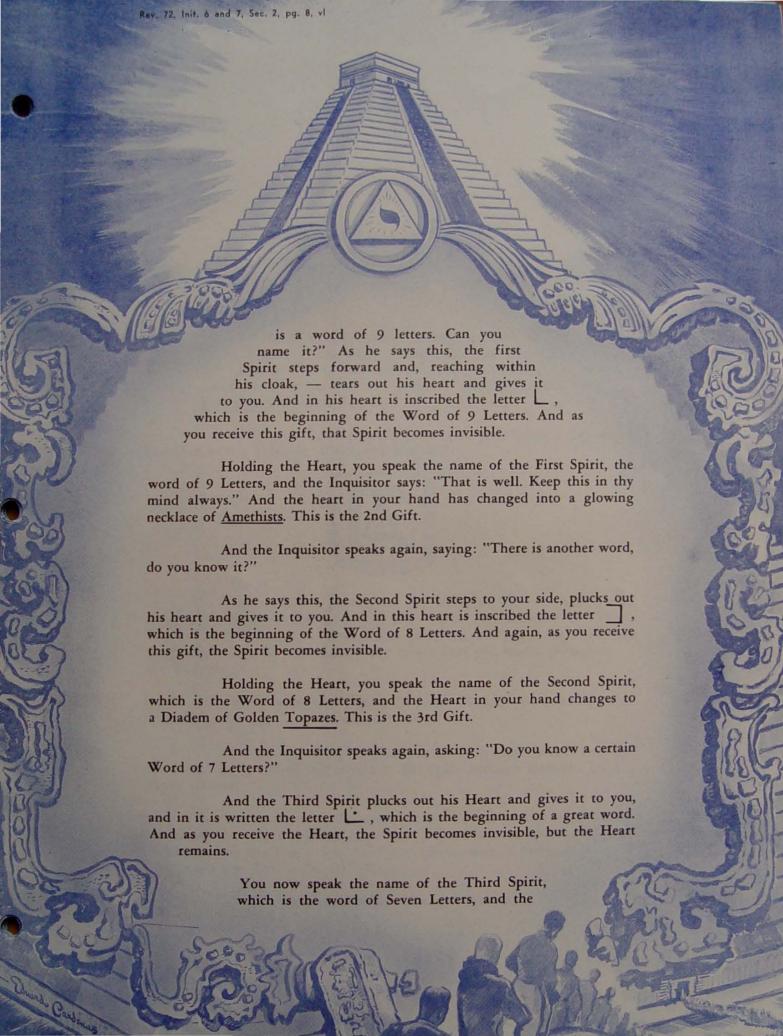


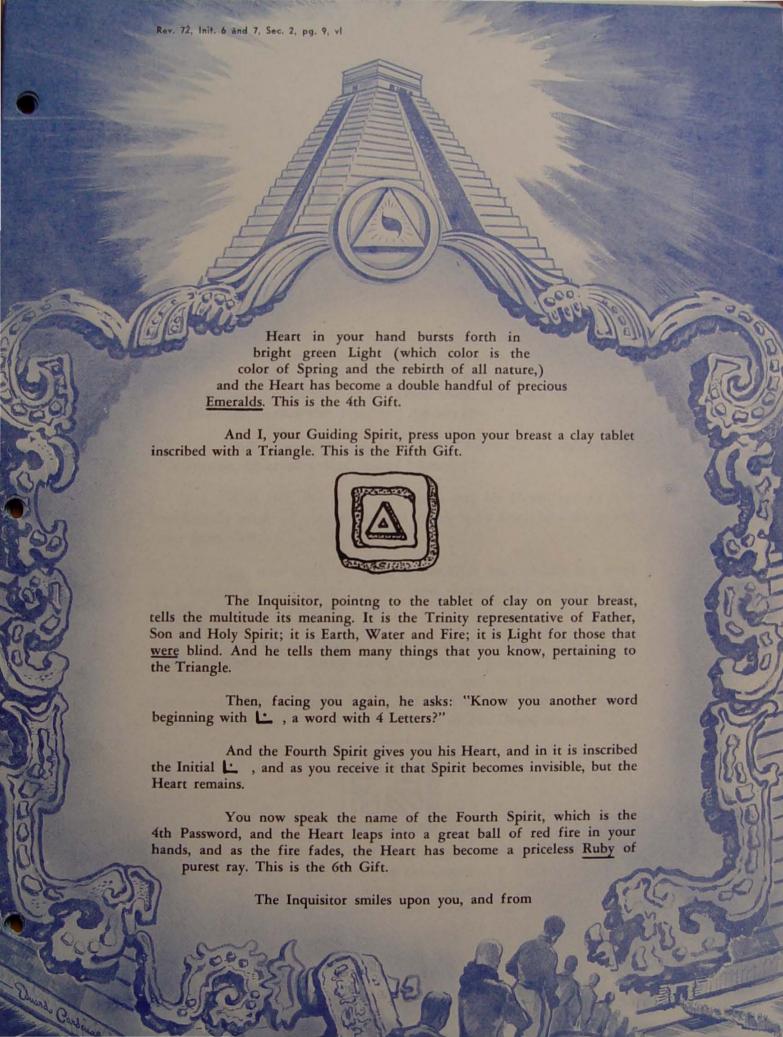


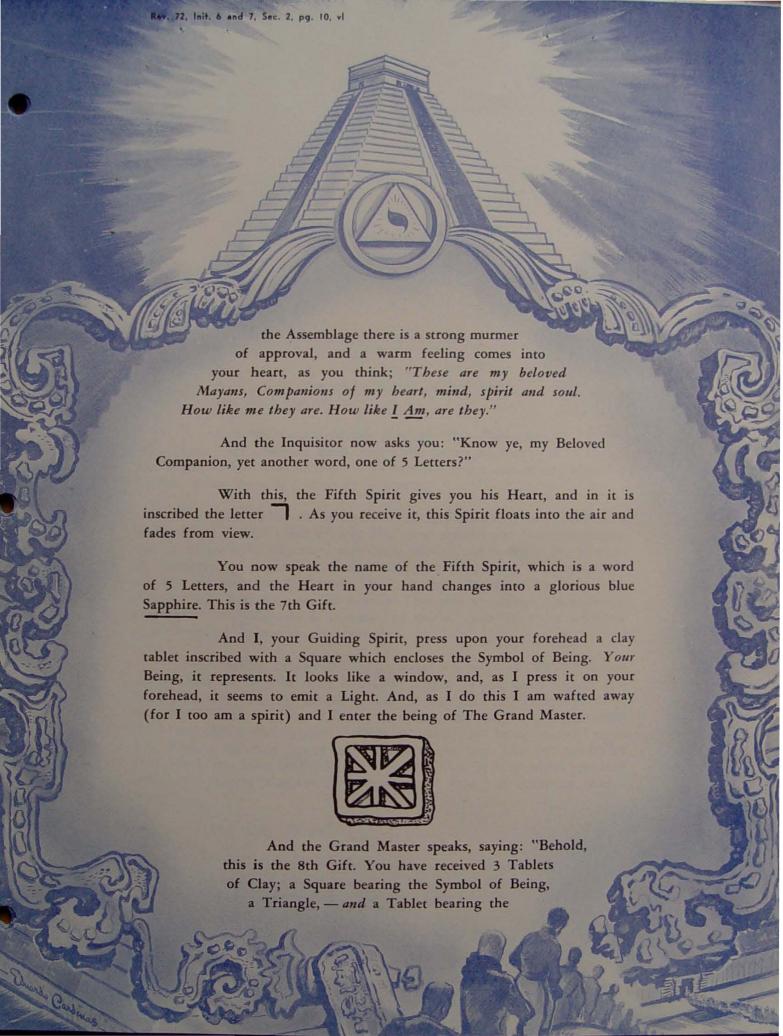


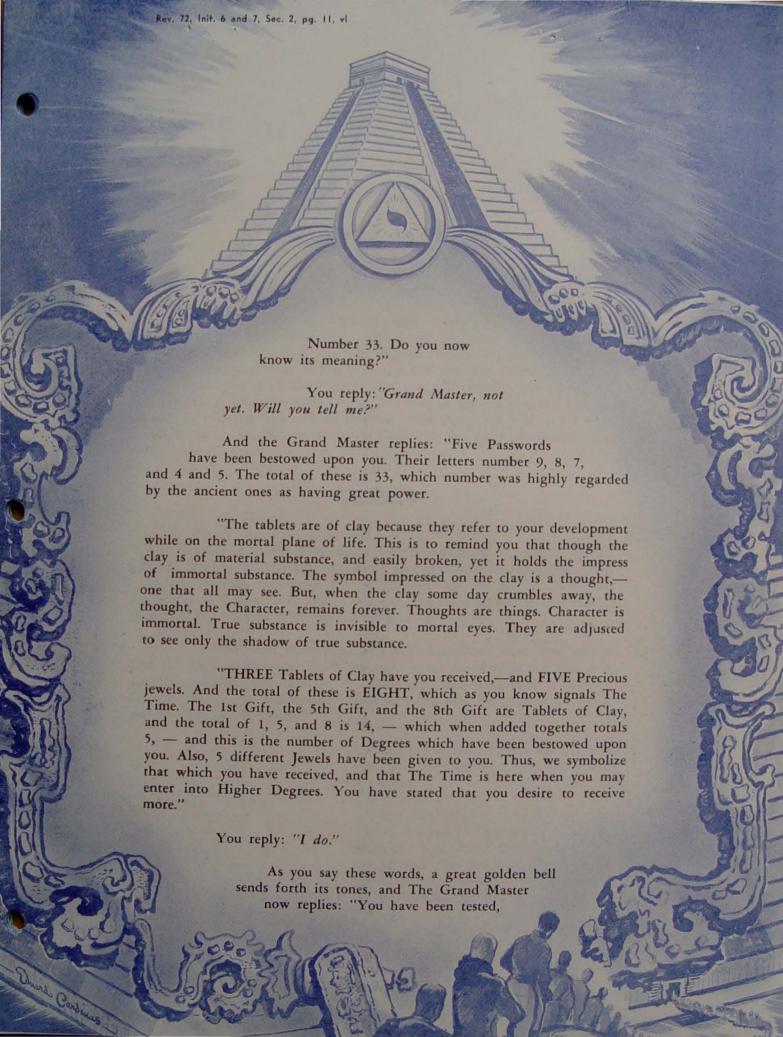


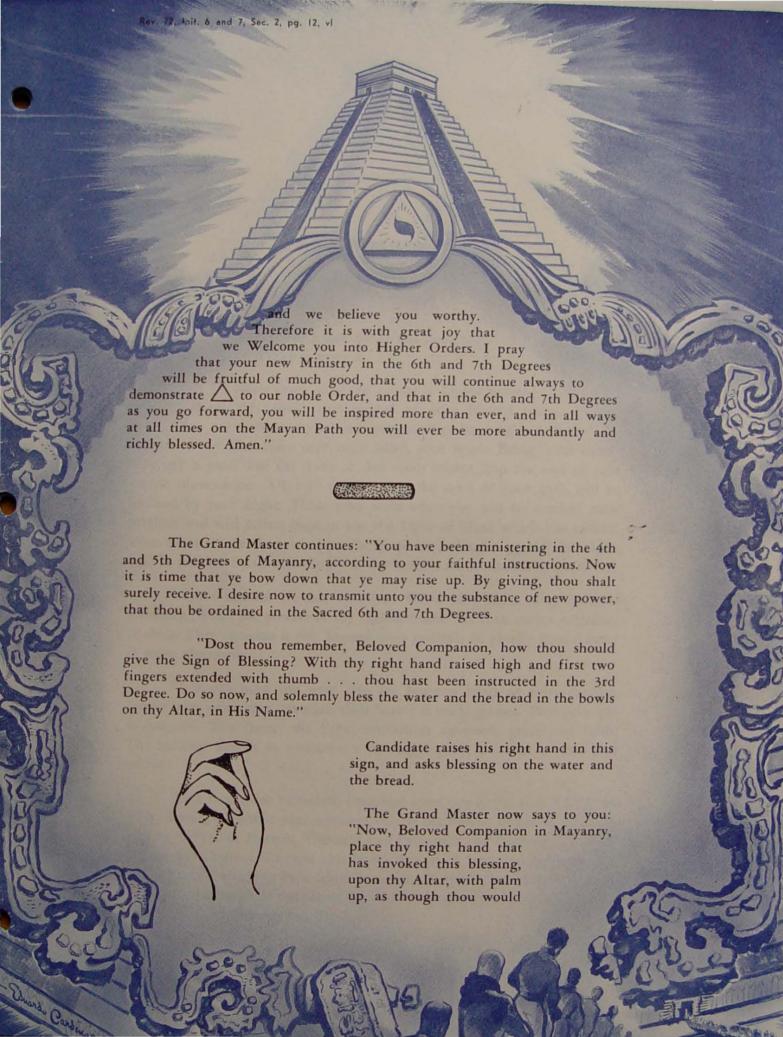


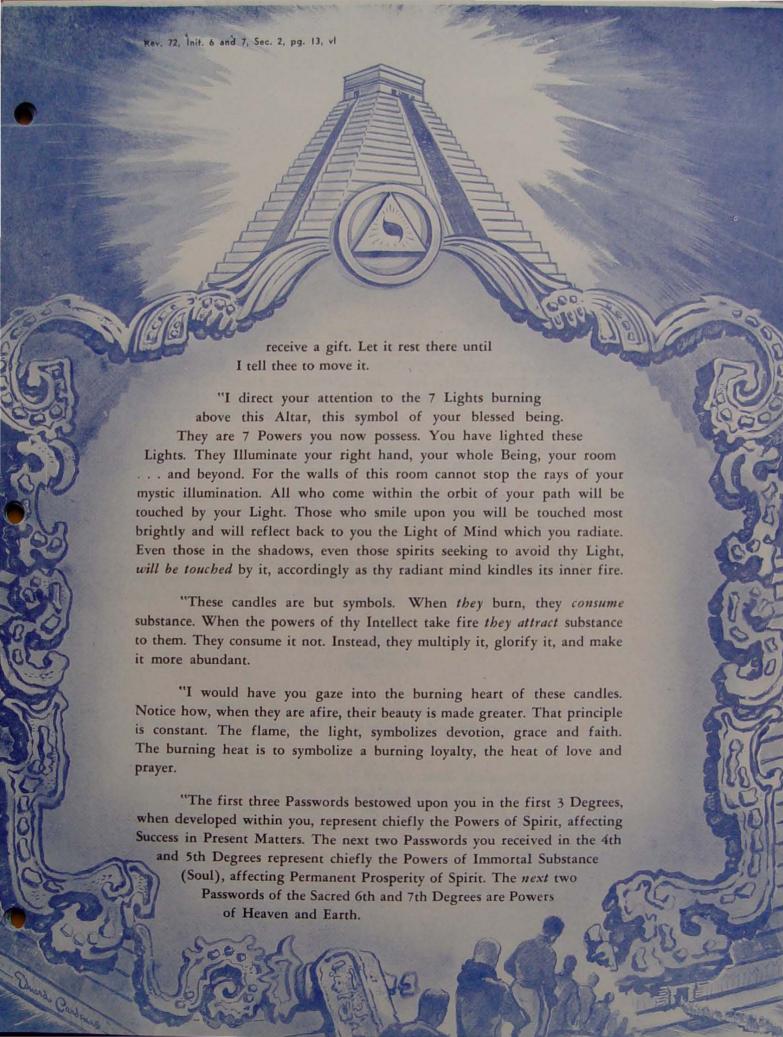


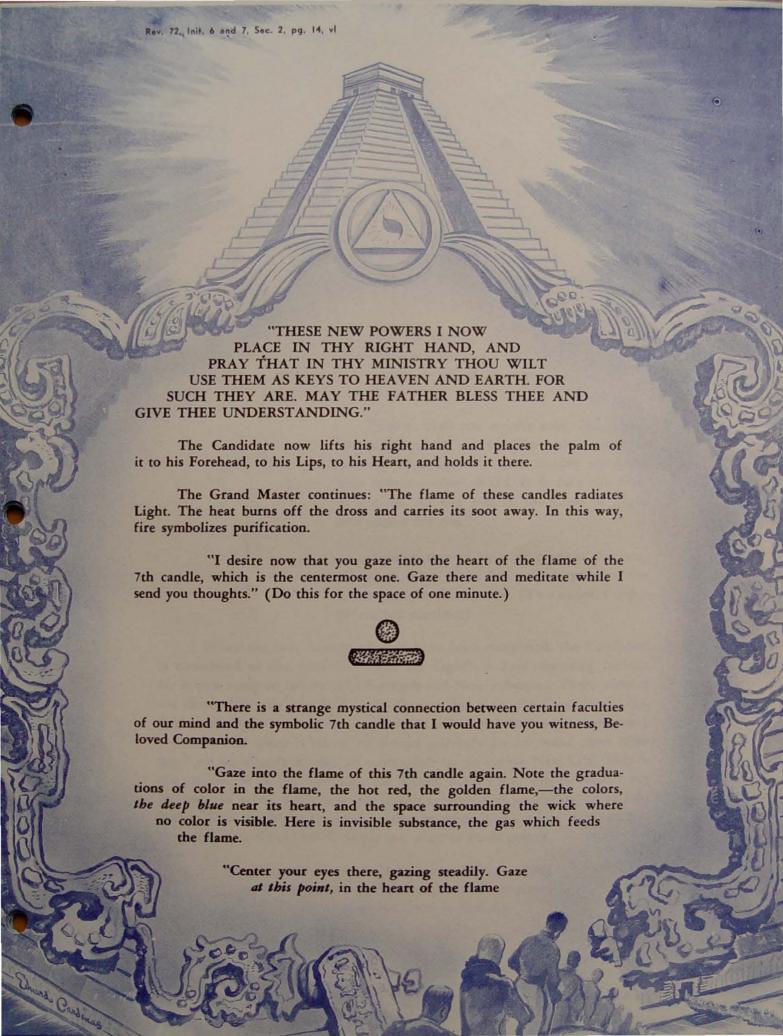


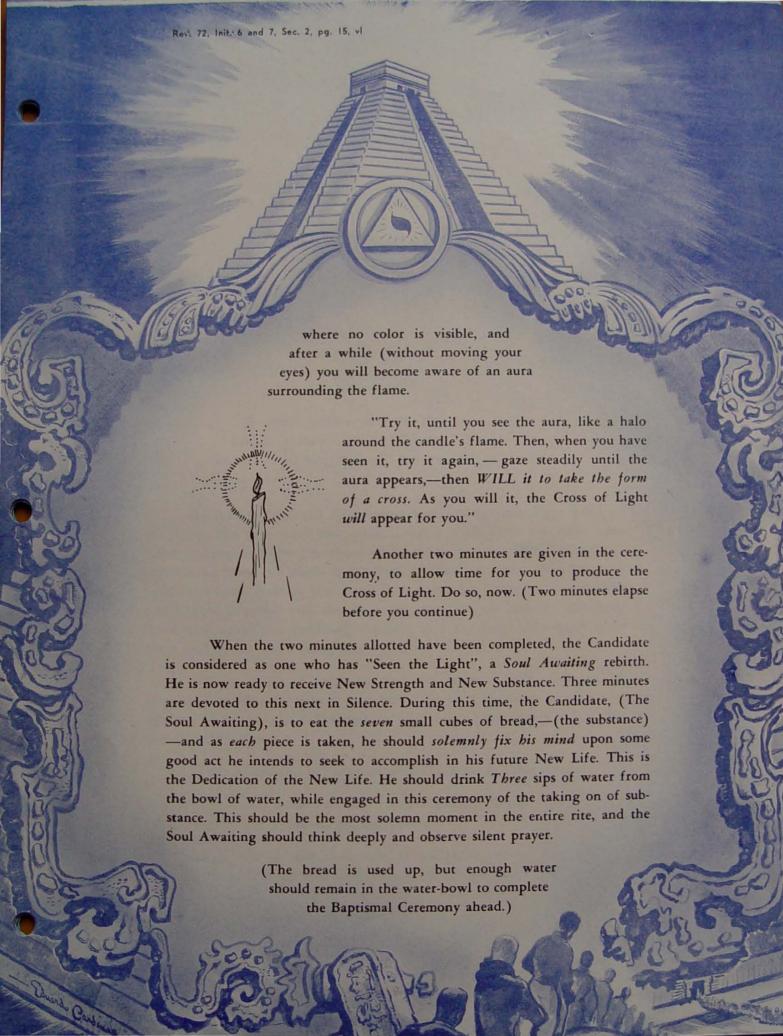


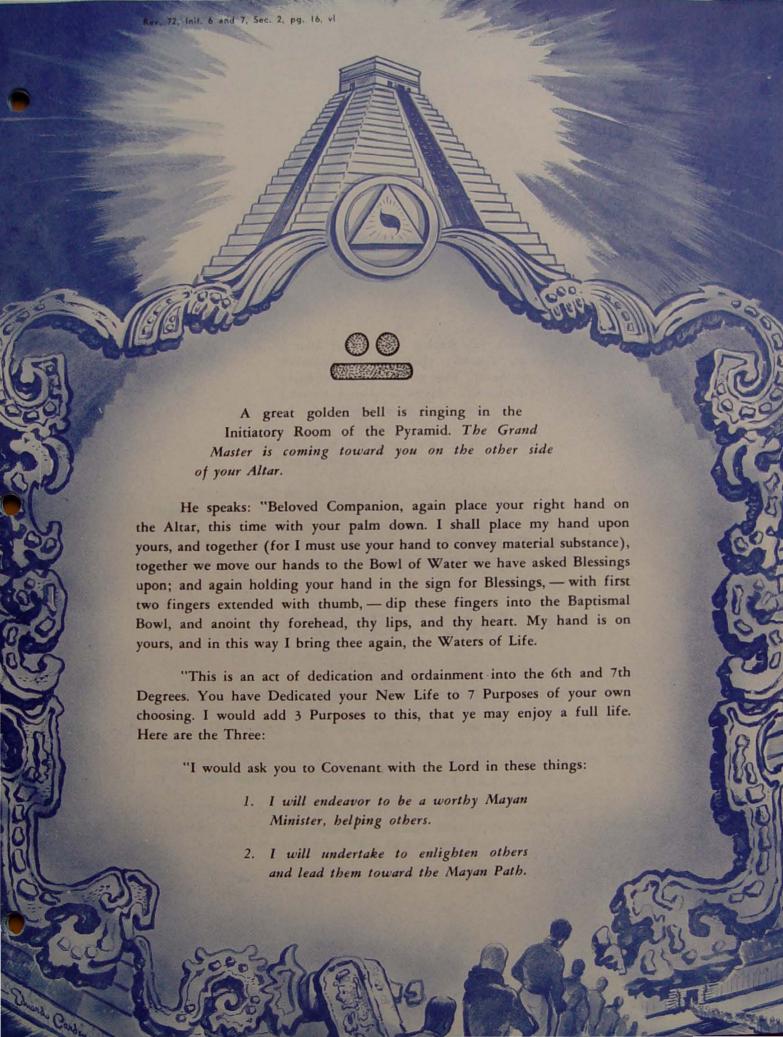






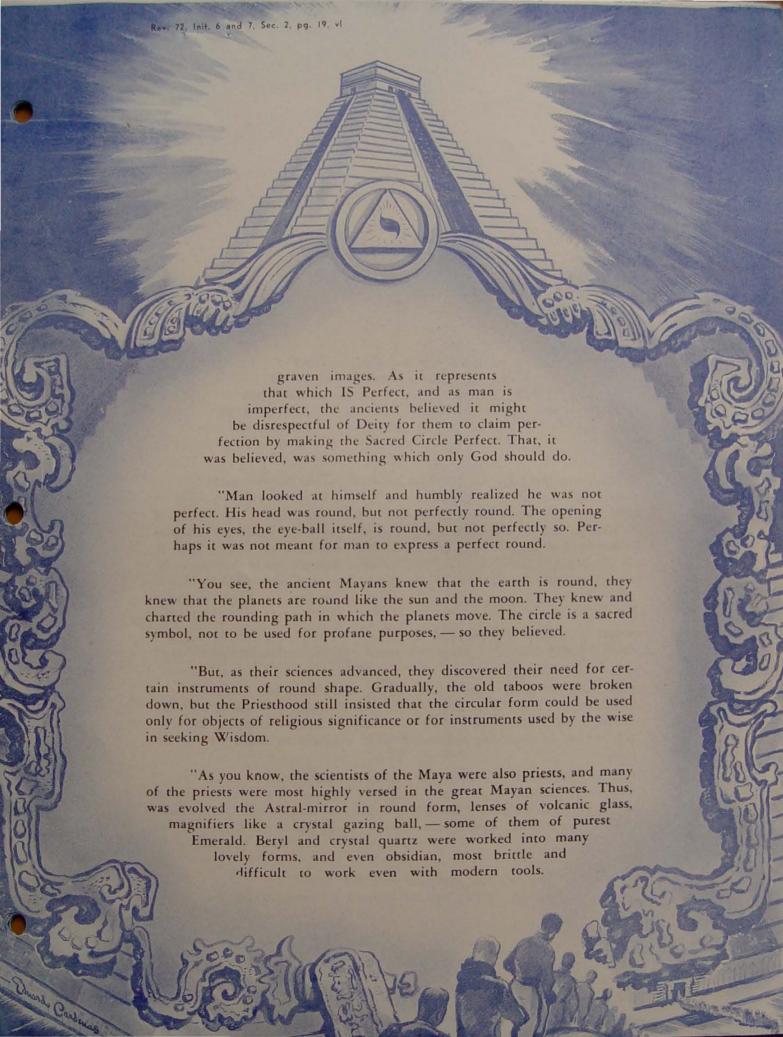


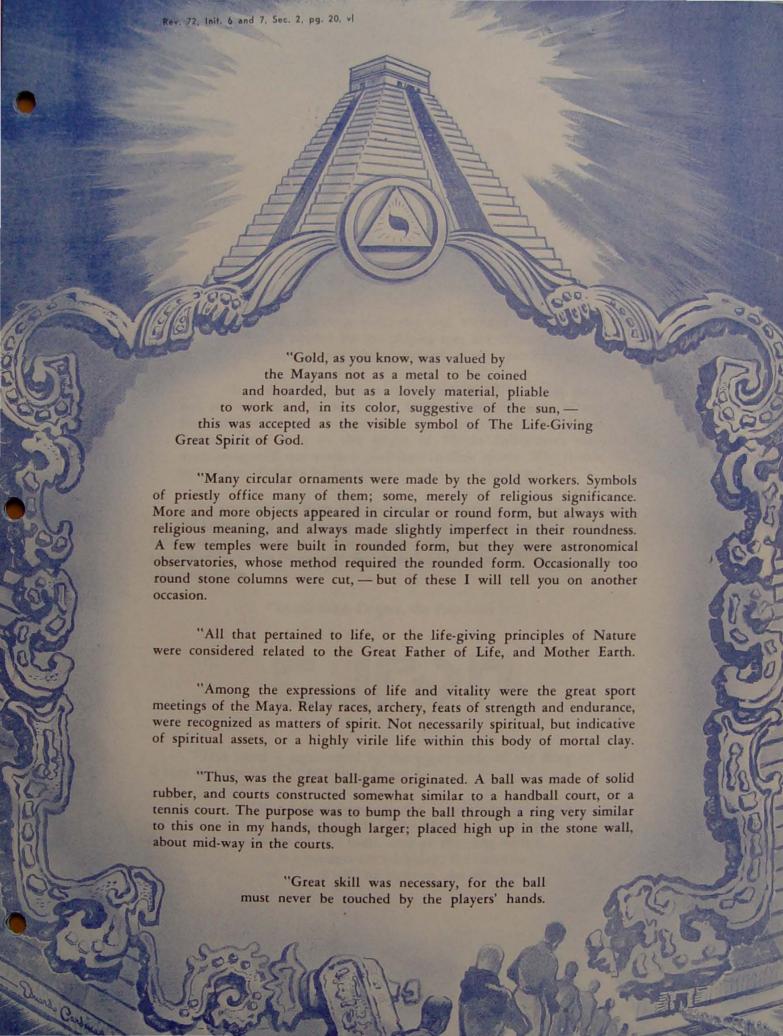


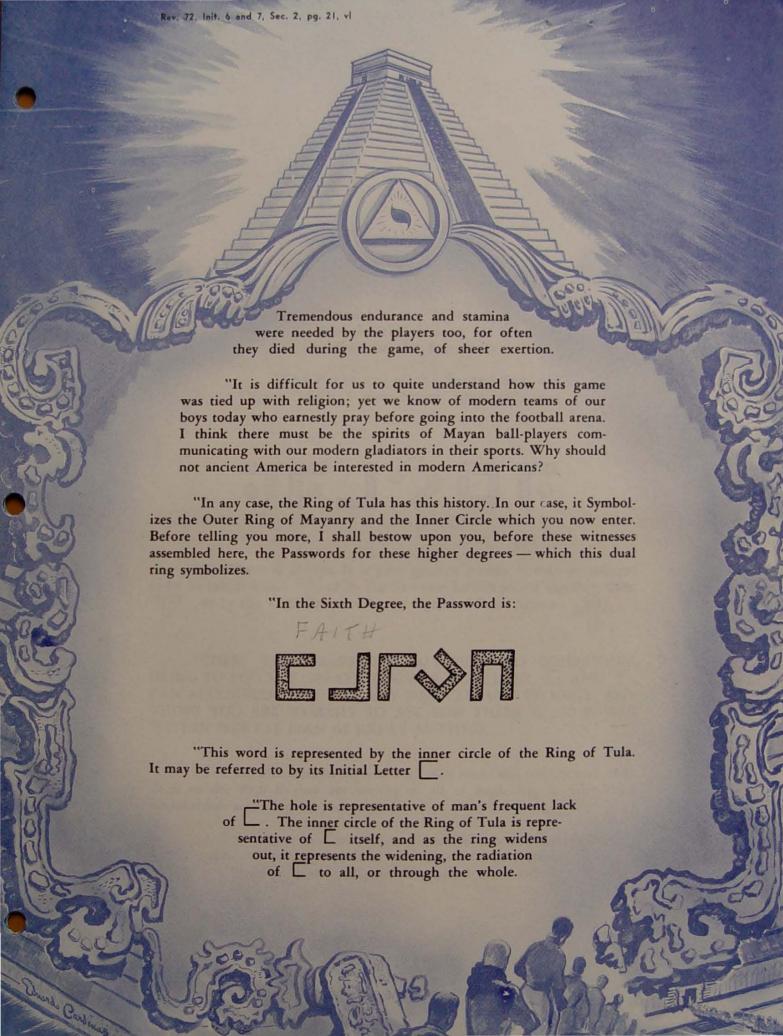


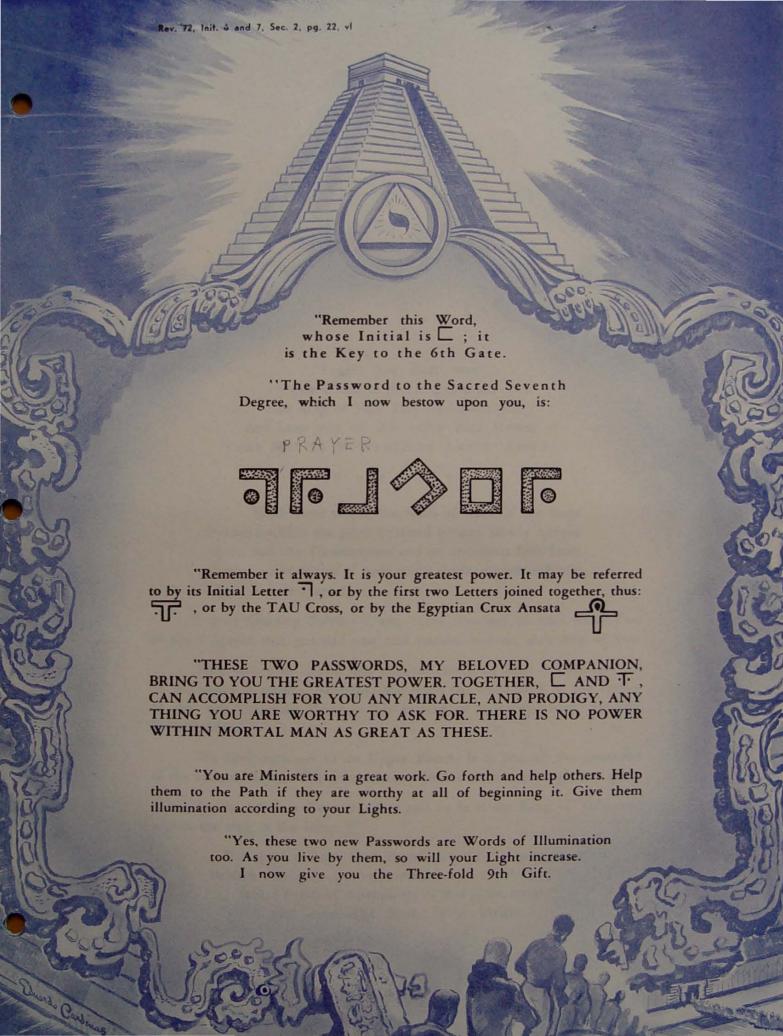


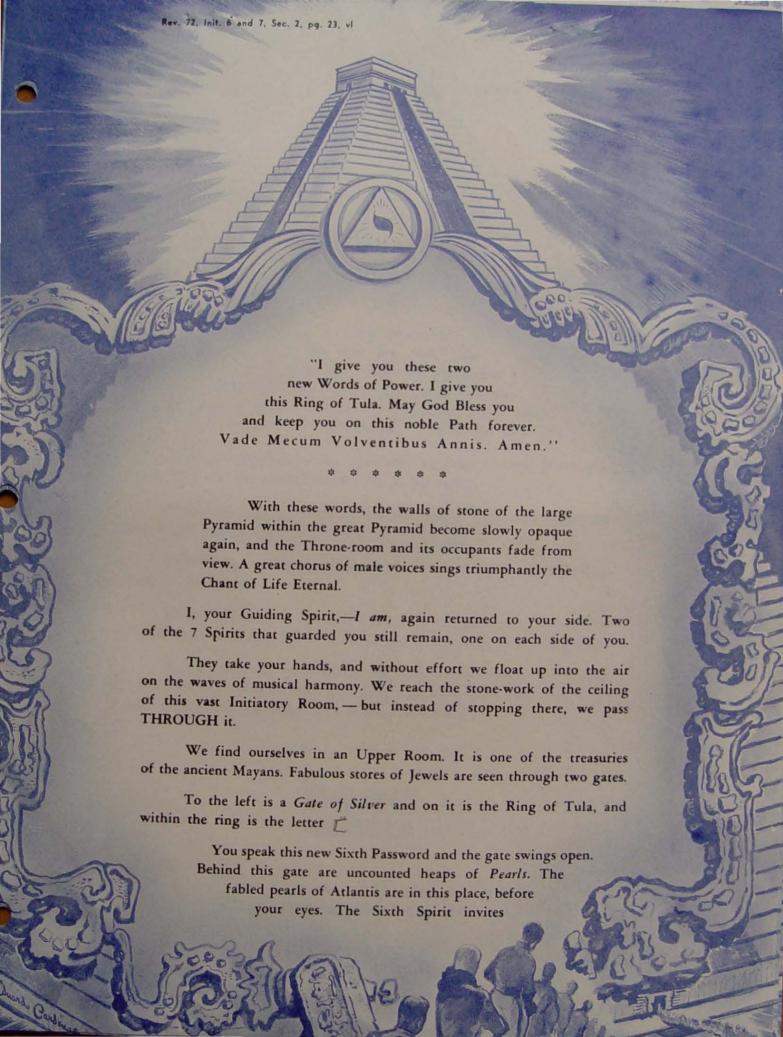


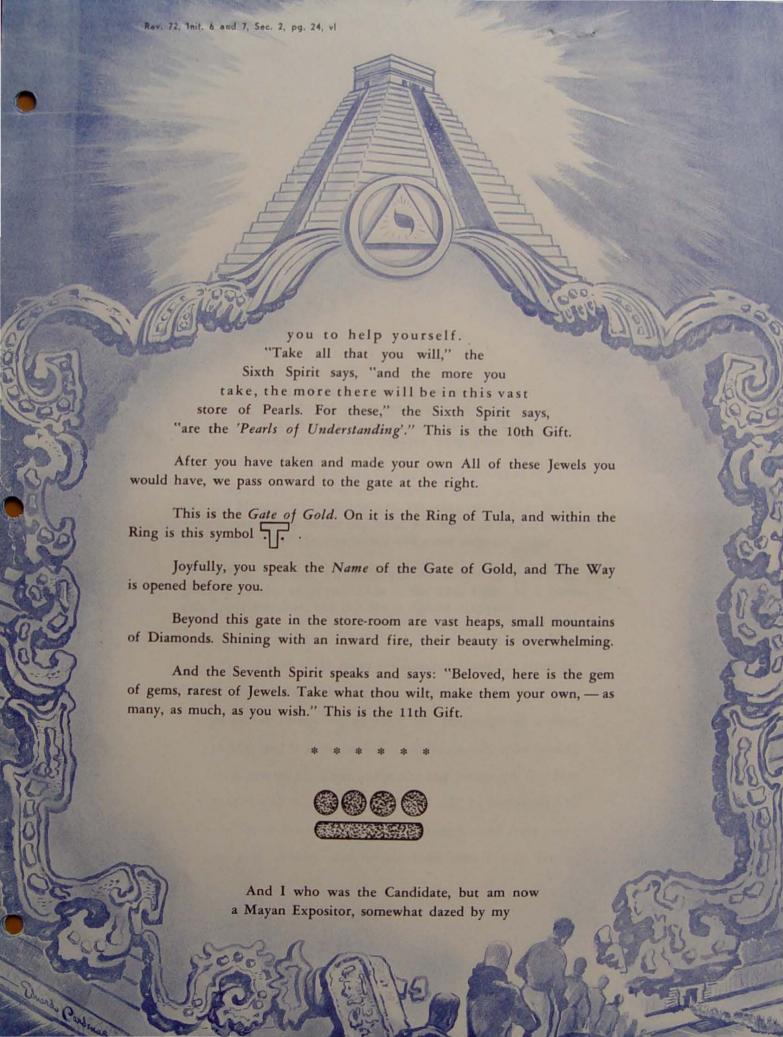


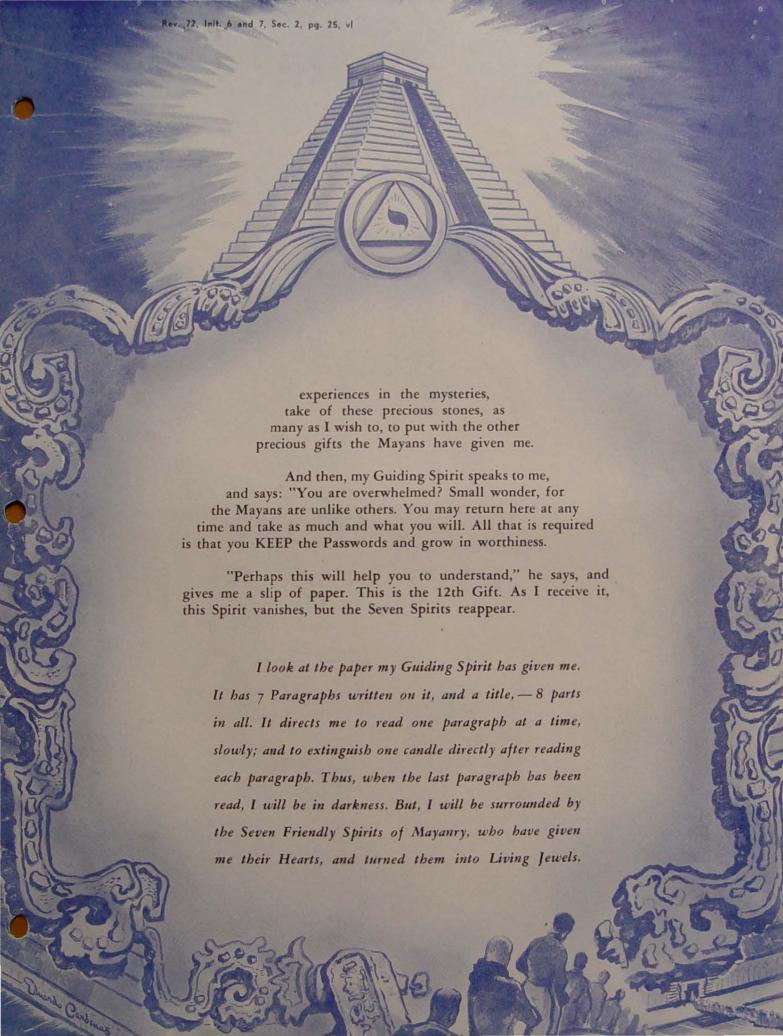


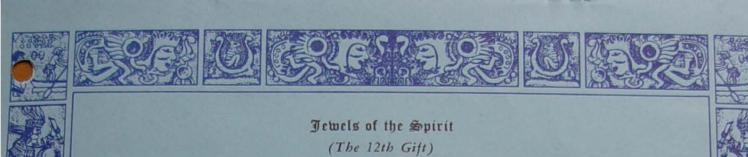












1. Constancy (Fidelity)

Noble are the amethysts ablaze in purple light about the necks of those who pursue God's purpose devotedly and seek single-heartedly his Ideal of Truth. I Extinguish | Candle.

2. Debotion (Thankfulness)

Yellow topazes sparkle in the diadem of those whose chant of praise is sounded over and over to the music of His ever-lasting goodness.

I Extinguish the 2nd Candle,

3. Loyalty (Life Eternal)

The lush green emeralds of life eternal spring out of the fruitful gardens of those who know there is no death, that divine spirit pulses freely on all levels of existence.

1 Extinguish the 3rd Candle.

4. Love (Brotherhood)

When we sacrifice our mortal desires upon the Altar of Self, we bring forth rubies of priceless love.

I Extinguish the 4th Candle.

5. Grace (Peace and Power)

When the struggle of the soul ceases and peace spreads its golden calm throughout the inner shrine, glorious blue sapphires appear.

I Extinguish the 5th Candle.

6. Jaith (Understanding)

Only by wrapping a constant application of understanding and Christ-awareness, —layer on layer, — about each new challenge of life can pearls of the spirit be made.

I Extinguish the 6th Candle.

7. Praper (Masterbood)

Diamonds emerge in rainbow purity when the testing fire has slain the Satan and crowned the Christ.

I Extinguish the 7th Candle.

I am back in my room. A great experience it has been. I offer thanks to God for the Inspiration, the Good, the Nobility brought to me by

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IN the 6th and 7th Degrees.